

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 22, 2004, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 3, 2004, and the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2004.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition **New Garage License**
Mike's Automotive Services Inc., 1 Union Sq., 20 vehicles.
4. Petition **New Extended Retail Hours License**
Walgreens #2760, 343 Broadway, 24 hrs./7 days a week.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

5. Citation By Ald. Roche, Congratulating Catherine Romanowski who is retiring after twelve years of service to senior citizens as a Senior Center Aide at the Council on Aging.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass Highway to request that a fence be constructed at their property line adjacent to 100 Flint St.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor New Washington St. for trucks idling overnight for extended periods of time.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-stripe the bicycle lane on Washington St.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the bicycle lane on Washington St. for vehicles that are abusing it.

10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree blocking the STOP HERE ON RED sign at Myrtle and Washington Sts.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the Dunkin Donuts parking lot at McGrath Hwy. and Broadway, for vehicles idling for extended periods of time causing a health hazard to direct abutters.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the stop line at Myrtle and Washington Sts.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Health inspect 2 Highland Ave. for possible baiting and clean up.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking implement neighborhood requests for traffic calming devices at the corner of Hamlet St. and Highland Ave.
15. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the Prospect Hill/Union Sq. areas to address increasing reports of vandalism.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works explore the possibility of resurfacing Elm Pl. and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman with results.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the city arborist to inspect the tree at 20 Pleasant Ave. for possible treatment, and confer with the residents at 20 Pleasant Ave. before taking any action.
18. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That the Dedication Committee consider adding the name of Ms. Catherine LaPuma to the sign dedicating the corner of Wesley Park and Bow St. to Mr. Joseph LaPuma.
19. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, That the School Committee allow public input into the process of selecting a new Superintendent of Schools and include concerned members of the public in the interview and recommendation process.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the raised sidewalk panel at the corner of Newton and Joseph Sts. and replace the temporary tarred panels from the same area.

21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police appear before the next meeting of this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss how to form Neighborhood Watch groups and advise elected officials and interested citizens on getting such groups supported by the Police Dept.
22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary actions to remove debris and trash from the Webster Ave. Bridge.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 21 Bowdoin St.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the corner of 1 Davis Sq. and Day St. by the cab stand, and from the roll up security door at the Why Not Variety store at Willow and Morrison Aves.
25. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police place the speed board on Elm St. between Russell St. and Willow Ave., and take any additional enforcement action possible to curtail the speed of motorists on this busy roadway.
26. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect the downed light fixture on the bus way between Grove St. and the College Ave. T stop entrance, and take all necessary action, including contacting the MBTA, to repair or replace the downed fixture.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works take immediate action to prevent further injuries to players at the Trum Field basketball court by covering the metal clips holding the fence material to the fence posts.
28. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health inspect 43, 48, 50 and 53 Oliver St. for illegal boarding houses and any other violations.
29. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking devise a system to cross-check the registration plate numbers of cars reported stolen with plate numbers of cars that have been ticketed, to assist in the speedy recovery of stolen motor vehicles.
30. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board when the asphalt patches on the sidewalks of Madison, Montrose, and adjacent streets will be replaced with new sidewalk panels.

31. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the raised sidewalk panels in front of 40 Montrose St. and 30 Hancock St.
32. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Department of Conservation and Recreation to request that they replace the missing street sign for Fellsway West at its intersection with Mystic Ave., and place a drinking fountain in Foss Park.
33. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works cooperate with the Animal Control Officer and with Alley Cat Advocates Inc., to make space in the city's kennel facility available for pre and post-operative boarding of feral cats being spayed or neutered.
34. Order By Ald. Provost and White, That the City Treasurer provide this Board's Committee on Finance with itemized accounts of all costs incurred for the 2004 Memorial Day Parade, the July 1 fireworks display, and the July 3 "Summertime in Somerville" event, and the itemized sources of all monies spent on these events, and all contributions of goods and/or money given and/or used for these events.
35. Resolution By Ald. White, That a representative of the Administration appear before this Board to describe the new prescription drug purchase agreement and that the City Solicitor accompany such representative to describe the current FDA restrictions on drug importation and the impact of such restrictions on the City's program.
36. Resolution By Ald. White, That the Administration take measures to publicize the City's dog leash law (Ordinance 3-34).
37. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 32 Putnam St.
38. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police place the speed board on Sycamore St. between Forester St. and Browning Rd.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Environmental Officer order and enforce the environmental clean-up and all zoning violations at 61 Clyde St.
40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking rectify the unsafe exit of the municipal parking lot at the Magoun Sq. CVS ASAP.

41. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect Royal White Laundry for operating trucks late in the evening, early morning hours and on Saturdays in violation of the zoning ordinances.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works completely concrete the area of Broadway on the even side between the D.A.V. and Cedar St.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works fast track the curb out at 5 Wilton St. as that land owner was notified by the previous Administration that this job was imminent approximately two years ago.
44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works place the resurfacing of lower Highland Rd. onto their fast track as the odd side appears unsafe.
45. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the sign at 73 Morrison Ave. approximately 10-20 feet to permit a tree planting.
46. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree at 73 Morrison Ave. at the parking sign near the mouth of the driveway to 73 Morrison Ave.
47. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing a handicap spot at 217 Willow Ave.
48. Comm. By Ald. O'Donovan, Requesting that this Board approve the amendment of the Report of the Committee on Finance, June 9-24, 2004, to correct 4 errors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a communication from Nicholas Salerno, Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, asking to use the community room at Capen Court for the City elections on Sept. 14 and Nov. 2, 2004.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting the declaration of the Durrell School at 64 Kent St./245 Beacon St. as surplus and available for disposition.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting the adoption of a Home Rule Petition to amend City Charter Sec. 46A re: the Procurement Officer.

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| 52. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of transfers in appropriations totaling \$68,313: \$23,522 from DPW-Adm. Salaries Acct to ISD Salaries Acct. and \$44,791 from Health Salaries Acct. to ISD Salaries Acct. |
| 53. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a communication regarding the designation of the Medford-Somerville Council for Ready Communities asking to consider the creation of this Council for the purposes of the Early Learning Opportunities Act discretionary grant program. |
| 54. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend an \$80,000 grant from the Dept. of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services awarded to the Somerville Cares About Prevention Coalition in the Dept. of Health. |
| 55. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$24,828.75 grant from the Dept. of Revenue for the Underground Storage Tank Grant Program. |
| 56. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to accept a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria from Lt. Michael Cabral of the Police Dept., valued at \$28,000, to be used for Police business only. |
| 57. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to accept a collection of Somerville High School yearbooks of undetermined value. |
| 58. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to accept a gift of 37 historical videos of undetermined value to be broadcast on the city's cable channel on or near historical dates. |
| 59. | Mayor's Request | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of George Landers of 173 Albion St. to the position of Superintendent of Inspectional Services. |
| 60. | Mayor's Request | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Foley, 1 Thurston St., to the position of Supervisor of School Facilities and Energy Conservation. |
| 61. | Mayor's Request | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elaine Severino, 44 White St., to the Election Commission, replacing John McKenna as the Republican representative. |
| 62. | Mayor's Request | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dereck Mangus, 41 Bartlett St., to the Bicycle Committee. |
| 63. | Mayor's Request | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jim Wright, Dick Bauer, and Barbara Mangum to the Historic Preservation Commission. |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 64. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, July 20.
- 65. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, July 20.
- 66. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, July 22.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 67. City Officer Comm. City Solicitor requesting permission for Asst. City Solicitor Francis Wright Jr. and himself to appear before this Board to discuss two matters of pending litigation in Executive Session.
- 68. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #176953 re: Bike Path/Linear Park encroachments by private landowners.
- 69. City Officer Comm. Condominium Review Board conveying its FY04 Annual Report.
- 70. City Officer Comm. Fire Chief Engineer responding to #176648 re: inspecting 28-30 Rogers Ave. for improper parking of automobiles.
- 71. City Officer Comm. Fire Chief Engineer responding to #176892 re: fire lanes at Market Basket, 400 Somerville Ave.
- 72. City Officer Comm. Chief Planner responding to #176468 re: permits for residential developments.

NEW BUSINESS

- 73. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
4th Annual Riley Family Festival, 61 Cameron Ave./Glendale Ave., July 17, 2-7PM.
- 74. Public Occ. High School Cheerleaders Car Wash, High School Concourse, July 10, 10AM-3PM.
- 75. Public Occ. High School Cheerleaders Canning Drive, McGrath Hwy. & Broadway, July 10, 10AM-3PM.
- 76. Public Occ. Somerville High School Cheerleaders Canning Drive, High School Concourse, July 10, 10AM-3PM.
- 77. Public Occ. The SummerMovie Fest, Seven Hills Park and Vinal Ave. Community Growing Center, July 15, 22, & 29, Aug 5, 12, 19 & 26, at Dusk.

78. Public Occ. Khoury's State Spa Big Man Run IX, July 24, 4:20PM.
79. Public Occ. Marcia Cardoso, 7th Birthday Party, Walnut St. Park, July 31, 4-8PM.
80. Public Occ. James White & Annetra Guillard Wedding, Prospect Hill Park, Aug 7, 2PM.
81. Public Occ. Brown School Card Sale, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Aug 28, 29, Sept 11, 12, Oct 2, 3, 4 hours per day.
82. Public Occ. 5th Annual Fairmount Avenue Block Party, Aug 1, Noon-5PM.
83. Public Occ. Manny's Folk Show, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Aug 6, 6-9PM.
84. Public Occ. 5th Annual Thorndike St. Block Party, Thorndike St., Aug 7, 3-10PM.
85. Public Occ. Somerville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Plaza, Sept 18, 7AM-7PM.
86. Public Occ. Bay State Ave. Block Party, Bay State Ave. from Mallet to Kidder Aves., Aug 7, Noon-Midnight, Raindate: Aug 8.
87. Outdoor Seating **Outdoor Seating on City Sidewalk**
Café Rustica, 356 Beacon St., 4 seats, 2 tables.
88. Sign/Awning **Sign/Awning Over a Public Way**
Abbey Lounge, 3 Beacon St., 2awnings.
89. Outdoor Parking **Renewal of Outdoor Parking License**
Urban Equity Development, 7-9 & 11-13 Herbert St., 20 vehicles.
90. Outdoor Parking Urban Equity Development, 55-59 Day St. & 108-112 St. 70 vehicles.
91. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Henry F. Owens Inc., 35 McGrath Hwy., 6,670 gallons.
92. Flamm. Lic. Winter Hill Yacht Club Inc., 130R Foley St., 7,000 gallons.
93. Flamm. Lic. E.G.B. Rent-A-Car Inc., 161 Broadway, 10,500 gallons.
94. Flamm. Lic. Prospect Iron & Steel Corp., 40 Bennett St., 1,050 gallons.
95. Flamm. Lic. Mobil Mart Plus Inc., 379-387 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 33,450 gallons.

- 96. Flamm. Lic. Somerset LLC, 156 Summer St., 1,320 gallons.
- 97. Flamm. Lic. MBTA, 20 Third Ave., 43,000 gallons.
- 98. Flamm. Lic. Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave.,
15,000 gallons.
- 99. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Somerville Auto Center Inc., 193 Somerville Ave.,
35 autos.
- 100. Garage Lic. Fred M. Susan & Sons Auto Repair,
267-269 Somerville Ave., 50 autos.
- 101. Garage Lic. Alex Auto Body Inc., 75 Washington St., 10 autos.
- 102. Garage Lic. Willow Ave. Automotive Inc., 131 Willow Ave.,
80 autos.
- 103. Garage Lic. Barnes & Walsh Co., A.B., 224-226 Somerville Ave.,
20 autos.
- 104. Taxi Med. **Transfer of Taxicab License**
Benayad Inc. to Z. H. Inc., 85 Foley St., Medallion #16.
- 105. Comm. **Communication**
Somerville Youth Council conveying their By-Laws.
- 106. Comm. Rep. Ciampa re: diversion of lottery funds to cities and
towns.
- 107. Comm. US Postal Service Boston District Manager regarding the
opening of the Winter Hill Retail Office.
- 108. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Commerce Insurance Co.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM